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GREAT BRITAIN FRIENDLY; NO FRICTION OVER CARGOES REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS AIR SENSATIONAL VIEWS ON WAR

BRITISH CABINET HOLDS MEETING; AMERICAN STAND ON COMMERCE APPRECIATED

GENERAL DISPOSITION TO MEET DESIRES VOICED BY PRESIDENT WILSON—SOME ABSOLUTE CONTRABAND FOUND IN COTTON CARGOES, SAY ENGLISH—WISH U. S. TO MAKE STRICT INSPECTION AND GUARANTEE BILLS OF CONSIGNMENT AS CORRECT—VIENNA ADMITS BIG RUSSIAN VICTORY—GERMANS ADMIT ST. GEORGES HAS BEEN ABANDONED—CONGRESSMAN DECLARES GERMAN CANNOT BE DEFEATED

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless.]

LONDON, England, Dec. 30.—The American note on the subject of American cargoes detained by the British continues to be the chief subject of comment today but there is no evidence of irritation or friction.

A full cabinet meeting today considered the stand taken by the United States that early improvement must be accorded shipments in transit.

A frank discussion among the British officials shows that there is a general disposition to meet American desires in so far as it is practicable to do so. It is pointed out the reexportation by the Scandinavian neutral countries of goods landed in those countries by American shippers, goods which are contraband when destined for a belligerent country, complicates the situation.

Where the reexportation of these goods are prohibited, as recently done by Italy, no difficulties remain. Moreover, British officials say, not all American shippers have been honest in the handling of cargoes. Much absolute contraband has been found concealed in cotton cargoes.

Strict inspection of outgoing shipments by the United States and an official guarantee that the bills of consignment are correct might greatly ease the situation, it is declared.

Vienna Admits Austrians Compelled To Retreat Along All Eastern Front

LONDON, England, Dec. 30.—The Russian assertions that an important victory has been gained by the left wing in battles against the Austro-German forces are confirmed by today's official statement from Vienna, admitting that the Austrians have been compelled to retreat along the entire eastern front.

The northern Russian armies still hold the Germans checked in Poland. The river Bzura, dividing the Slavs and the Teutons, has become a second Yser. Each side is strongly fortified on its respective banks and the battling to gain a foothold on the opposite bank is spasmodic.

Germany Says St. Georges Was Abandoned; Trying To Retake It

BERLIN, Germany, Dec. 30.—Military headquarters admits that a surprise attack by the French has compelled the Germans to abandon St. Georges, which the Teutons are now endeavoring to recapture.

Severe storms and bitter cold have done damage in the positions on both sides in Belgium and northern France.

Germany is reticent and non-committal concerning the progress of the campaign in Poland, although continuing to assert in general terms that German victories are being won.

Iowa Congressman Declares Japan Will Hold To Kiaochau And Islands

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—Representative Henry Vollmer of Iowa, proposing today in the house that the United States prohibit exports of the munitions of war, said:

"There is only one nation whose national interests are hopelessly opposed to ours. I do not hesitate to predict that Japan purposes not only to hold Kiaochau but the Pacific islands seized from Germany. Some day this issue must be tried out in the Pacific. Maybe it will be to our interest then to have a powerful friend.

"Britain's alliance with Japan bodes us ill. It is impossible to defeat Germany in this war. Her people are united and determined to fight until the last drop of blood is shed. If the war is continued it will go on until the entire world is bankrupt."

Slight Gains Only Recorded In Today's Official French Bulletin

PARIS, France, Dec. 30.—Official—"Slight gains have been made by the Allies in Belgium. There is an exchange of heavy artillery fire but no infantry movements along the remainder of the front.

PLAN OUTLINED TO RECLAIM THE WAIKIKI SWAMPS

Superintendent Chas. R. Forbes Has Idea to Be Submitted to the Law Makers

INAUGURATION WOULD COST ABOUT \$150,000

Money Will Be Returned to The Property-Owners as Soon as Work Accomplished

One of the most important pieces of legislation the next territorial law-making body will be asked to enact for Honolulu will be a resolution intended to institute the big work of reclaiming the swamp lands mauka of Waikiki beach, which extend from Kalahele avenue to Kapiolani park. If the legislature acts favorably on the proposed project it will virtually clear the way for the biggest improvement undertaken here in many years—one that has been urged for nearly a generation and which will convert what is probably Honolulu's largest civic eyesore into one of the community's most beautiful and desirable residential districts.

The plans for the undertaking have recently been completed by Superintendent Charles R. Forbes, who submitted them to the board of health and attorney-general Stainback this morning. The former will be asked to give its approval to the scheme, and the attorney-general is requested to prepare the resolution for introduction.

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JESSIE FREMONT SALE CONFIRMED BY U. S. COURT

Pearling Schooner Henceforth Will Be Used as Carrier for Hawaiian Pineapples

From pearling vessel to pineapple carrier was the course laid out for the schooner Jessie Fremont in the federal court this morning when Judge Charles F. Clemons confirmed the auction sale conducted by the marshal at which the Fremont was sold for \$275 at the order of the court. The purchasers of the schooner, F. W. and Walter Macfarlane, intend to use the Fremont to carry pineapples from windward Oahu to Honolulu.

In his order confirming the sale of the schooner, Judge Clemons stated that he considered \$275 a fair price and that the auction sale was conducted properly, he himself having been knocked down under the hammer. Judge Clemons further stated that A. M. Brown, an expert in determining the value of ships, testified that \$275 was a fair price for the Fremont, and that it was more than was expected the vessel would bring. When the sale was confirmed by the court, Captain George Frair stated that he had no objections to enter.

Captain Frair, when asked today what he was going to do now that he is without a vessel, said that he intends to "get a berth" in Honolulu. "I am going to remain here, of course," he added. "What else can a person do who has no money?"

With the sale of the Jessie Fremont the last chapter in a romantic pearling expedition to the Admiralty Islands comes to a close. Starting at San Diego about two months ago, the schooner got as far as Honolulu, where Captain Frair abandoned the voyage and discharged the three sailors, who immediately libeled the ship for back wages and transportation to the mainland.

Missouri Statesman Would Have America Stop All War Munitions

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—Representative Bartholdt of Missouri declared in the house today that the United States is "particeps criminis" in making orphans and widows in the European war. He declared that America is able to stop the war quickly by placing an embargo on munitions of war being shipped from this country. The benefits from the stopping of the war a month earlier than it would otherwise end, he declared, would be greater than all the possible profits to armament makers.

XMAS CHEER IS CAUSE OF DEATH OF HECTOR MAN

Oiler on Board Collier Loses His Life in Fall Over Side of Naval Vessel

BODY RISES ALONGSIDE SHIP YESTERDAY MORNING

Companion Within Calling Distance But Man Failed to Give Help

Falling to his death within hand-treach of a friend and companion, but without uttering a cry for the aid that was close at hand, Thomas Gill, an oiler on the collier Hector, dropped into the waters of Pearl Harbor on Christmas day. Not until yesterday morning when the body of the drowned man rose alongside the ship that had been his home was the tragedy discovered, the surmise being that the missing man was in Honolulu.

In company with a seaman named Thompson, Gill entered a small skiff Christmas morning, the pair rowing around the harbor to Ala, where they held a wet Christmas celebration. According to the story told by Thompson before a naval board of inquiry yesterday, both men returned to the Hector very drunk. They clambered on to the coaling deck and Thompson went aboard the collier at once, leaving Gill to make the shift fast. Thompson went over the side and below without looking around and Gill was never seen alive again.

Gill wasn't missed until the next day, when it was supposed that he had gone to the city to continue his spree. Not until the body rose among the piles beside the Hector was the man's fate known.

Yesterday a board of inquiry, composed of Lieut. Ellis J. Lando, Civil Engineer N. M. Smith and P. A. Surgeon J. A. Downey, took testimony and made a thorough investigation of the circumstances surrounding Gill's death. The board returned a verdict of accidental death by drowning.

CHILDREN WILL SING AND PORTRAY FOLK DANCES AS FEATURE OF THE CARNIVAL

Thousands of youthful voices, raised in the singing of patriotic and popular airs, will be a feature of the program of the 1915 Mid-Pacific Carnival which without doubt is going to be one of the most appreciated and entertaining events of the celebration. Special copies of music are now being printed by the Star-Bulletin, at the instance of the Carnival company, especially for the occasion, and within a few days Miss Jane Winne, who successfully conducted the Christmas carol singing a year ago, will commence rehearsing the children, the majority of whom will be public school pupils.

The singing will be done from the capitol steps, to the accompaniment of the Hawaiian band. Bleacher seats will be arranged for the audience. In connection with the singing, during the intermissions the children will portray the folk dances of the various nations, each child being in appropriate costume. The folk dancing is in charge of Mrs. Mary Gunn and Miss Nina Adams, who will begin rehearsals shortly. The various public school teachers are heartily in favor of both events, and it is expected that between 1500 and 2000 children will participate.

CABINET MEMBERS SEND OWN SONS TO FRONT

HAVRE, France.—The members of the Belgian cabinet have not spared their own families in the present crisis. The Baron de Broqueville, president of the cabinet and minister of war, has his four sons in the ranks. Both M. Berrier, minister of the interior, and M. Pouillet, minister of science and arts, have in the artillery their eldest sons, who took part in the sieges of Liege and Antwerp. The two sons of the minister of the colonies, M. Renkin, won promotion.

WADMAN URGES ACTION TO STOP ILLCIT INFLUX

Says District Attorney Should Proceed to Prevent Arrival of Undesirable Women

HAS FAITH IN DETECTIVE DEPT., BUT NOT IN POLICE

J. W. Thompson Avers Red Light Habitudes, if Citizens, May Come and Go

Declaring again that some action must be taken to prevent the alleged influx into the territory of undesirable women both from the Orient and from the mainland, Dr. John W. Wadman, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, this morning referred questions to the United States district attorney's office and the marshal's office and, in a statement to the Star-Bulletin, said that primarily it is up to the federal officials to do something in the matter.

Following investigations made by him, Doctor Wadman declares that Honolulu is being flooded with undesirable women, the majority of whom are coming from California for the reason that the "red light" districts in San Francisco and Sacramento have been closed. Others, he says, are coming into the territory from Shanghai.

Doctor Wadman further declares that the local federal immigration authorities are ready to take some action to prevent the influx, and that this information has been given him by Inspector-in-Charge Richard L. Halsey.

"Captain of Detectives McDuffie is also ready to take some action," he said further. "I have absolutely no faith in the local police, as in the police magistracy, but I have every faith in the detective department."

"It seems to me that the federal authorities should get busy along this line. We have a sort of a defunct Civic Federation here, but there is practically no organization for this work. The work hardly falls to the Anti-Saloon League, although that organization is always ready to go to work on projects which are for the public welfare. I believe that this work is up to the federal authorities—to the district attorney's and the marshal's offices. If they can't do anything, who can?"

Speaking of the undesirable women, Doctor Wadman said that there are enough of these in Honolulu already without having more come in from the East and West. "However," he continued, "the federal authorities have done nothing as yet. Once these women get in here, and get in business, what can be done? If the federal authorities say to the immigration authorities 'We don't want these women here,' then let the law take its course and, from what Mr. Halsey has said me, he's ready."

"Twice should be outlawed. We have no law here to protect segregated vice," Doctor Wadman concluded.

When the proposition of preventing the influx of undesirable women into Hawaii was put up to Assistant District Attorney J. Wesley Thompson this morning, that official threw a new light on the matter with the statement that women on the mainland who are American citizens, and who come to Hawaii for the purpose of engaging in their illicit trade, are free to do so, and that there is no law to prevent this. "This would also apply," he said, to American women coming to Hawaii from Oriental or other foreign ports.

Mr. Thompson stated that action could be taken only in cases where women are aliens. Such action, he continued, would be taken by the immigration authorities.

Doctor Wadman says that the Anti-Saloon League has taken no action in the matter, nor has any other organization. Interviews by him with a number of prominent local residents, he declares, reveal a desire to have some action taken which will prevent the influx of these women.

U. S. SOLDIERS BEGIN TO WITHDRAW FROM ZONE OF STRIKE IN COLORADO

[Associated Press by Fed. Wireless.] DENVER, Colo., Dec. 30.—The federal troops which have been patrolling the strike zones, began to withdraw today.

The British steamer La Corinta, which left Buenos Ayres, October 5, for Liverpool with a cargo valued at \$1,000,000 has not been heard from and fear is expressed for her safety.

The British steamer Wetmar, from Archangel, Russia, to Leith, Scotland, was driven ashore on the coast of Norway, near Borre Island.

SUPERVISORS-ELECT OPPOSE PLAN TO TAKE DEPARTMENTS FROM THE CITY ENGINEER

Majority Decides That Water Works and Sewers Should Be Under Supervision of Present Executive—Vote Stands Four to Three When Mayor-Elect Lane Calls for "Show-Down"—Hollinger is Opposed to Present Employees Holding Over Until February 1

Without previous arrangement for doing so, the question at that time, a majority of the supervisors-elect last night approved of the proposal to separate the water works and sewers from the city engineer's department. This was at the first caucus attended by all members of the next board, Robert Horner making his initial appearance on this occasion. It was when an item in the appropriation bill, covering the payroll of water works and sewers, came up for consideration that the question was brought to a showdown. There was a difference between the ways the item should be passed, the proposal was adopted and if it was not.

C. N. Arnold moved, that in the opinion of the supervisors-elect the water works and sewers should be separated from the engineering department. After a short but keen discussion, in which the engineer's powers with reference to road construction were also debated, a show of hands was taken by Mayor-elect Lane, when the motion was lost on the following vote:

For—Ahia, Arnold and Quinn.

Against—Hollinger, Horner, Larsen and Logan.

Many items adopted the previous evening were discussed again, for the benefit of two members absent from that meeting. The additional resources for the police force produced the liveliest debate, finally being deferred to permit Chairman Horner of the police committee to investigate the matter for himself.

Hollinger took strong exception, after the bill had been disposed of for the time being, to Lane's previously announced decision that present appointive officers should hold their positions until February 1. He believed they should retire with the board that gave them the offices. The mayor-elect, however, stood firm in his decision, quoting an opinion on the question as formerly raised which was rendered by the attorney's department, to the effect that monthly salaried men must have one month's notice.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE FOR HAWAII MORE THAN MERE POSSIBILITY

Kuhio's Introduction of Bill Comes at "Strategic" Time—The Line-Up

Woman suffrage for the territory of Hawaii is more than a possibility. Persons in close touch with legislation in Washington are inclined to believe that the legislature which convenes next February will have been by that time vested with ample power in the premises. Should this occur it is difficult to see how the law-making body can escape giving the ladies the same rights now exclusively possessed by their lords and masters, for each and every of the political parties, including the sparsely settled Bull Moose, preaches adherence to the doctrine of equality in suffrage.

The present situation in Congress is one which a clever parliamentarian can easily handle in favor of the passage of the bill which has been introduced by Kuhio. That anticlerical body known as the committee of rules has reported out for consideration the proposed constitutional amendment for woman suffrage and its fate will be determined within a short time. In all probability the proposition will be defeated. Just the same, strange as it may appear at first hand, that very defeat will help the Hawaiian bill. Many a backwoods congressman will have his objection to the national movement on the proposition that woman suffrage is a question solely for local action. As Kuhio's bill is framed along these lines, it will naturally receive not only the support of the straight-out suffragettes but as well of the straddlers. In the Senate is a large coterie of Southern solons who still believe that Thomas Jefferson's doctrines as to local self-government are by long odds wiser than some of those contained in the Holy Writ. The northern contingent of this august body contains a goodly proportion of pronounced believers in woman suffrage. The combination cannot, therefore, be beaten.

Again there seems to be an inclination on the part of the present Congress to give to territorial and insular legislatures full sway in so far as local matters are concerned. The Philippine bill is a goodly illustration of that fact. In short, the present is a psychological moment for woman suffrage in Hawaii, and prospects are more than bright.

The following is a copy of the bill as introduced by the delegate: "A bill granting to the legislature of the territory of Hawaii certain additional rights concerning qualification of voters within the territory."

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

"Section 1. That in addition to other powers granted by Congress, the legislature of the territory of Hawaii be and is hereby vested with the right to provide that all female citizens of the United States who possess the qualifications now prescribed by law for voters other than that of sex, shall have the right and be qualified to vote at every election held within the territory of Hawaii."

"Section 2. That in addition to other powers granted by Congress, the said legislature of the territory of Hawaii shall have and is hereby vested with the right to submit to the qualified voters of the territory of Hawaii the question as to whether female citizens of the United States possessing the qualifications now prescribed by law for voters other than that of sex, within the territory of Hawaii, shall be granted the right of suffrage within said territory, and to further provide that, should at any election called for the purpose of determining said question, a majority of the votes cast favor the granting of said suffrage, that then and in that event, thereafter said female citizens shall have the right of said suffrage within said territory."

"Section 3. This act shall take effect from and after its approval."

It is known that Kuhio has consulted with leaders of the House, trained in congressional work, and believers in woman suffrage, with the object of having the bill passed during this session.

BENCH AND BAR JOIN IN PROTEST ON APPEAL BILL

Cablegram Sent to Senate Judiciary Committee Objecting to Pending Legislation

Emphatic action was taken by the Bar Association at its banquet last night in protest against the bill that recently passed the house practically abrogating the right of appeal from the territorial supreme court to the supreme court of the United States.

The secretary was instructed to cable to the judiciary committee of the senate at Washington protesting against the bill and urging that it be defeated in the senate. The action last night was informal but it was considered that an early protest is desirable. The Bar Association will hold a general meeting on Monday afternoon and it is expected that similar action will be taken. Forty members of the association were present last night, the largest number that ever attended one of the banquets. The function was held in the roof garden pavilion of the Young Hotel.

The social program was much enjoyed. Circuit Judge Ashford spoke on "The Bench" and City Attorney John W. Cashdollar responded for "The Bar." Some informal talks were made. Chief Justice Robertson was master of ceremonies.

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